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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF EXCERPTS
FROM FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN'S JULY 8 NEWS
CONFERENCE. BEGIN EXCERPT.

I WILL FLY TO GENEVA IN ORDER TO MEET AND HOLD TALKS WITH
THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS. THE TALKS WILL CONCERN THE
VERY LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES WHO ARE HERE IN THAILAND AND
TO ASK WHAT AID THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS CAN GIVE US. TALKS
HAVE BEEN HELD ALREADY, ESPECIALLY DURING THE TIME WHEN IN-
CIDENTS WERE OCCURRING IN CAMBODIA AND IN VIETNAM, WHILE FIGH-
TING WAS STILL CONTINUING AND LATER WHEN REFUGEES FLED HERE.
THAILAND HAS PROVIDED FULL FACILITIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RED
CROSS TO COME AND SET UP A CENTER HERE. THEREFORE, THE IMAGE
OF THAILAND AS A CENTER FOR THE STATIONING OF FOREIGN MILI-
TARY UNITS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THAT OF A CENTER GIVING AID
TO REFUGEES FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, THUS BEING THE REASON WHY
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WE ARE PROVIDING FULL FACILITIES FOR IT TO USE THAILAND AS A

CENTER TO HELP REFUGEES FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES. THIS IS THE NEW
IMAGE OF THAILAND.

REPORTER: DOES THAT MEAN ALL REFUGEES?

CHATCHAI: YES. WE PROVIDED FACILITIES AND AID IN EVERY
WAY POSSIBLE TO REFUGEES AT THAT TIME.

REPORTER: ARE YOU GOING TO GENEVA IN ORDER TO HOLD
CONSULTATIONS?

CHATCHAI: IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FURTHER AID. THAILAND CAN BE
SAID TO BE A DO FACTO CENTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED
CROSS TO PROVIDE AID TO REFUGEES.

END EXCERPT

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